CONVIVIALITY

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Dear reader, given the circumstances my country Brazil is facing, I would like to post here something the reader will be able to take their own conclusions.

God save the Black People!

God bless Brazil.

Thank you.

MONEY PRAYER
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Lord, in this concert dedicated to honoring You, I stand as Your servant.

You have entrusted me with the responsibility of rewarding hard work and supporting what is good. As a neutral resource for acquisition, I often find myself among people in a state of captivity.

Many of them enslave me so that I may purchase their illusions and lies, their pleasures and pretenses. I become more aware of my true purpose every time I hear someone crying on my way; however, I remain imprisoned...

What have I done, Lord, to be confined in the darkness of a coffer, akin to a valuable corpse locked in the inertia of

a skiff? Please teach those who hold onto me without understanding that I am the lifeblood of work and progress, charity and culture. Please help them to set me free.

Most of them seek to be connected with me through prayer in their temples. Please convey in their prayers that I represent hope for homes that lack warmth. Let them know that I can provide comfort to forgotten mothers and support for those facing hardships.

Nourishment for hungry children, medicine for the sick, and a comforting blanket for those nearing the end of life.

Once, someone presented You with a humble coin meant for public tax and asked for Your insight. You advised to give Caesar what belongs to Caesar.

However, many failed to recognize that You were referring to the tax and not to me. In their misunderstanding, they believed Your words condemned me, leading to my obscurity.

Yet, You know my true nature; I was born to do good.

Lord, whether wrapped in gold or simple paper, You understand that I also belong to God.

THE PRAYER OF CERINTO

Cerinto

Lord of Infinite Goodness!

In the sanctuary of prayer, a renewing milestone in my life, I do not ask for anything for myself, an indebted spirit for whom You have reserved the courts of Your Exalted Justice.

Your compassion is like the dew of hope in my moral night, and that is enough for the rebellious sinner that I have been.

I do not ask You, Lord, for those who weep. Instead, I seek Your love and grace for those who cause tears.

I do not come to request aid for those who suffer. I beg You to bless all those who inflict suffering.

I do not come to remind You of the weak on Earth. I have come for those who believe themselves powerful and victorious.

I do not intercede for those who sob from hunger. I ask You for love for those who steal their bread.

All-Good Lord!

I do not bring to You those who bleed from anguish. I present You those who strike and wound.

I do not ask You for those who suffer injustice. I beg You for those who commit crimes.

I do not show You the unprotected souls. I suggest Your assistance to those who spread affliction and misery.

I do not beg You for mercy for the betrayed souls. I urge You to help those who weave the poisoned threads of ingratitude.

Compassionate Father!

Extend Your hands over those who wander in darkness…

Eliminate senseless thoughts.

Close the lips that lead to temptation.

Paralyze the arms that strike.

Stop the steps of those who distribute death.

Support us all, children of error, for only then, oh, Merciful and Just God, will we be able to build a paradise for the good alongside those who already understand and obey You.

Thus, we will extinguish the hell of those who, like us, throw themselves unprepared into the insane whirlwinds of evil!

CONVIVIALITY

And the questions from numerous friends multiply.

Why is there an increase in antagonism and intolerance in the world, leading to the most painful processes of violence?

How can we justify separations between parents and children, generally based on indifference?

How can we understand the frequency of divorces that neglect intelligent and observant children, who, on many occasions, come to consider themselves orphans with living parents?

How can we resolve the conflicts between bosses and subordinates, who are often engaged in open complaints?

What about the necessity to extinguish racism and prejudice, gratuitous aversions, and antinomies between respectable ideas?
For what reasons can we interpret delinquency among siblings?
And war? How can we define the sinister presence of war in communities and nations?

In response to inquiries posed by various colleagues, we present this modest book to our readers. It is an assertion that life is a shared resource, yet coexistence is the catalyst that fosters comprehension and solidarity among individuals.

It is the science of reciprocal communication in the world, which we are currently acquiring. Only by conquering the values of peaceful conviviality will we achieve the full victory of the love that Christ bequeathed to us.

Emmanuel
Uberaba, January 29, 1984.

WALK

The task with Jesus is like a long walk.

As you walk, you will understand that the service of good does not allow you the luxury of unnecessary rest.

Calls for you to stop usually come in many forms.

It is the siren song of the old literary image, inducing you to distractions that will immobilize you in oblivion.

It is the lamentable Cassandra claim of pessimism, inventing fatigues you do not feel, trying to paralyze you.

The companions who get involved in the plot of intrigues and gossip, asking you to become unbalanced.

The friends who leave you alone, afraid of losing the advantages that bind them to possessive passions.

Listen to your conscience, which urges you to do your duty, and do not get upset.

Whatever invitation they give you to stop in the gray field of inertia, do not cling to this domain of the shadow.

Serve and walk.

CONSTRUCTION

When it comes to building the Kingdom of God within us, let us not forget the essential requirements for any earthly construction.

A simple work on the physical plane, in order to get off the ground, requires planning, service and order.

Planning includes directives and guidance.
Service defined by activity and duty.
Order that expresses cooperation and adjustment.

In short, discipline is the synthesis of all the programs and obligations for the smallest building to come to fruition in the human sphere.

The stone fits into the recesses of the base, which lies horizontally on the ground.
The brick fits in the masonry strip.
The steel beam conforms in the area of safety.

In the domestic structure, the seed obeys in the preparation of the meal, the metal obeys in the home utility, the thread obeys in the making of the garment.

We will not be able to develop the tiniest values of elevation in our own spirit without surrendering ourselves joyfully to the work we have to do.

We are intelligent material in the wise hands of Christ.
The Lord, however, does not work in us through constraint, because the Kingdom of God must really emerge in the recesses of our souls.

That is why, in teaching us how to act, live, grow, work, serve, and die in the construction of the Eternal Kingdom, the Divine Master Himself was among us, living in a regime of simplicity in the blessings of Nature.

He grew without illusions, worked in a quiet carpentry, served without demands, and died unjustly on the cross, without revolt and resentment.

The Master's actions teach us to seek first the Designs of God, whose plan of action is light and happiness for all His children.

THOSE WHO DID NOT WAIT

It is not difficult to find among our brothers and sisters in the world those who, although suffering, are not among the blessed ones to whom Jesus referred.

They are companions who turn against obstacles that could offer them the precisely right opportunity to ascend to the highest experiences.

Many people respond with ongoing resistance, resulting in immediate negative consequences.

In the Spiritual Realm, we frequently find them.

They are unfortunate friends who, in truth, have passed through the sieve of suffering, yet entered into the turmoil resulting from the desertion of the duties they were supposed to fulfill.

They are brothers who knew the value of the obstacles they could overcome for their own benefit, and ended up situated in the shadows of delinquency.

They are collaborators of good works who disfigured them, creating difficulties for themselves through intolerance toward others.

They are companions who created problems and challenges for those who trusted and cared for them, and then deliberately distanced themselves from them, seeking to escape the responsibilities they themselves chose to observe and live.

They are all those other brothers who preferred despair before the trials they needed for their own refinement and consciously

ventured down the slippery slopes of nonconformity and indiscipline, toward the hallucinations of anguish and suicide.

Jesus said:

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

May He show compassion to all our companions who knew this promise, but struggled to wait.

We trust that God's infinite kindness, which sustained us in the past, will continue to support us today.

With this conviction, we remain confident that, with God, we will overcome.

CONFLICTING OPINIONS

In many episodes of human experience trials knock on your door.
Do not be distressed.
Receive it with serenity and calm.

No matter how serious the situation, do not rush into decisions based on insecurity.

Study the challenge that circumstances throw at you.

Above all, do not lend any sinister aspect to the difficulties you face.

You may find yourself under the weight of the so-called "General opinions".

However, not all manifestations of "general opinions" harmonize with reality.

Calm down and pray, preparing yourself for the necessary clarifications, which will come at the right time.

Do not let anxiety mentor your resolutions.

Even if all the issues in the struggle you are in are formulated by others, against your way of acting and being, keep a clear conscience

The truth is always on your side, and you will be victorious in the end.

It is possible that all the opinions around you will be against you, but be patient and wait for God, because the opinion of God's Messengers may be different.

ASPIRATIONS AND WORK

We all strive for our ideals, but achieving them requires more qualities and strengths to acquire what we desire.

You wished for a perfect marriage, and Divine Providence gave you a marriage that encourages personal growth.

As imperfect human beings, we are given spouses to build a happy union, but recognizing that true happiness also involves learning self-denial and mutual support.

You wished for beloved children who would fulfill your dreams, and life gave you dear children who offer you the highest expressions of tenderness. However, they demand sacrifice and renunciation from you in order to become educated and happy.

You dreamed of certain ventures in the fields of art and culture, industry, and administration, and you attracted similar responsibilities. However, any of them will bring you success with rewarding advantages if you sincerely commit yourself to discipline and responsibility.

You hoped for friends on whose shoulders you could lean for life, and these friends appeared. Nonetheless, to keep them, you must accept them as they are, with the duty to understand and help them as much as you expect from each of them, understanding and cooperation in the areas of mutual support.

We do indeed want this or that reward in life, but let us not forget that life asks us to repay all the values we have achieved through work in building good, for, in the field of the soul, in order to receive, one must give, as in any sector we live, what we sow is what will be justly reaped.

CHARITY ALWAYS

Not all of us have telescopes to observe the stars, but it is imperative to recognize that we all possess the resources to see the world's underprivileged children and extend them whatever support we can.

Not all of us are able to subordinate words to grammatical principles to articulate an impeccable speech from an idiomatic point of view.

Still, the possibility of uttering this or that phrase of consolation and hope for the benefit of companions who are enduring suffering and trials greater than our own does not exclude anyone.

Not all of us have fully grasped the secrets of botany; though, we all have the privilege of planting friendly trees and diverse flowers wherever we are.

Not everyone has the means to use money to support charitable causes. Nevertheless, it is fair to note that we can all share the bread we are meant for with someone in need.

Life does not ask the impossible of us to get integrated into the mechanisms of charity, extinguishing the trials that torment the Earth, but, for evil to disappear, it expects from each of us this or that crumb of good.

HUMANIZATION

Hostility, aversion, dislike, and resentment represent stages where many individuals remain for some time.

Antagonisms between people essentially express friction, in which the forces of envelopment clash and eventually break free over time. This process enables the acquisition of resources for elevation, which in turn, facilitates a transfer to higher spheres.

A helpful analogy is the rockets designed for space exploration. As they reach greater heights, these devices shed various capsules, gaining lightness and freedom to travel without major obstacles, away from the center of gravity that attracts them.

As the Physical Plane rises by a region in which animal impulses of selfishness and self-defense still prevail, those who free themselves from such impediments project themselves into the higher realms of understanding, penetrating other fields related to the Summit of the Universe.

That is why, upon achieving humanization, the individual ceases to know adversaries and finds only brothers in any evolutionary ambiance.

Let us strive, therefore, to understand rather than judge, and little by little, the concept of enemies will fade from our minds.

Even among companions who wish to hurt us, we will identify candidates for remedy and mercy, and we will work for them so that good may favor us, with the dedication of those who help themselves by helping their brothers.

MONEY AND EXPERIENCE

Do not consider money to be "filthy metal."

It is only fair to accept its role in human existence.

Money is not a driving force, but it generates progress.

It is not joy, yet it can distribute it, even if donated by those who do not have it.

It is not peace, but it builds paths to conciliation.

It is not security; despite that, it protects people from need.

It is not food, yet it ensures daily bread.

It is not clothing; nevertheless, it acquires the threads that weave it.

It is not health, though, it acquires medicine to alleviate illness or cure it once and for all.

It is not a magic carpet, but it helps people save time, in the comfort of a car or on a plane.

It is not friendship, but whenever mobilized for the good of others, it is capable of creating the best values of sympathy and recognition.

Money is the sweat of labor and the blood of the social organism.

Let us learn to respect it.

Finance in itself is not life; however, in the name of God, it is one of the most valuable supports for existence, so that creatures can live.

WORK AND CRITICISM

Charity services underway on the Physical Plane, where millions of diverse individuals gather, cannot develop without criticism.

Verbal brawls will surround the workers.
And objurgatory remarks will erupt, such as these:

“Why so slow with details?”

“It's impossible not to see the flaws you display...”

“That collaborator is a disaster...”

“It's incomprehensible that such a lofty achievement can be achieved in such incompetent hands.”

“I can't collaborate with such unprepared people...”

“Everything will fall on the irresponsible group!”

“They're all wrong...”

“Let's wait for the final failure...”

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When these voices are heard, do not fear and keep working.
We all have and will have imperfections until we achieve the Divine Plan.

Problems demonstrate presence and collaboration.
Difficulties bring observations, and fair observations create insecurity.

Let censure watch over you and move forward.

Despite our mistakes and, above all our shortcomings, the construction of Good does not belong to us; essentially, it belongs to Jesus, who watches over it, in the name of God.

We know that Jesus' work cannot and should not stop.
Life does not ask the impossible of us to integrate ourselves into the mechanisms of charity, extinguishing the trials that torment the Earth.

Nonetheless, for evil to disappear, it expects this or that crumb of good from each of us.

IN THE TRANSIT OF FAITH

On the path of faith and religion, in order to consolidate its value, you may encounter obstacles through which you can demonstrate your sincerity and courage, such as:

- The misunderstanding of the good;

-The aggression of the desperate;

-The sarcasm of the irreverent;

- The disturbance of still ignorant brothers;

- The demands of critics;

- The desertion of companions;

- The persecution of adversaries;

- The hours of crisis;

- The shadows of sadness;

- The fire of affliction;

- The imperatives of renunciation;

- The need for personal sacrifice;

- And the blow of bitter disappointments.

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Still, if you have humility as you march toward the lofty goals you set out to achieve, you will not lack support and constant

assistance along the path you must travel, because humility transforms into love, and love will be your light and blessing on your journey to God.

FREEDOM AND ENJOYMENT

Many people demand freedom and more freedom.

However, most forget that a person's independence is worth the discipline that they present in performing the duties that life imposes on them.

Nature shows this in clear and simple lessons.

The Sun is a giant force in Cosmic Space, yet if it did not accept the impositions of gravitation, it would not sustain its immense hive of worlds.

A waterfall resembles an explosion of unleashed energy, but without the dam that controls the power of the water, man would not enjoy many of the valuable civilization benefits.

Without control of its own instruments, the airplane would not take off.

Without laws governing the relationship between the individuals, order would be an illusion.

Let us reflect on this and fulfill the obligations that fall to us.

A person stands out for what they know, but they are worth the good they decide to do.

FRIENDS

In the practice of good works, a well-intentioned individual occasionally believes they can succeed alone but soon realizes this is a misconception.

The Creator has arranged life in such a way that no one can build anything without the help of others.

Some claim that friends are present only during times of joy and prosperity, distancing themselves when adversity arises.

However, there is another untruth here. Even when faced with hindrances, the friend still understands those companions who distance themselves from him for a time. He knows that compelling circumstances cause them to do so.

Still imperfect spirits, it is certain that on many occasions we do not find ourselves in harmony with one another, especially on the Physical Plane, at times when our mutual complaints reveal our shortcomings.

By recognizing that we all face trials and have flaws to overcome, we can more easily act in solidarity, be tolerant, and improve our service and behavior.

When we understand more broadly, we see that friendship only endures in an environment of charity, which means practicing love for one another.

As friends, we spontaneously understand our companions, offering them all the fraternal support we can, even when we are apart, for we are convinced that the day may come when we will need them to aid us in the same way.

Let us learn to value our collaborators so we never lack their assistance at the right time.

Friends are levers of assistance.

Let us learn to acquire and retain cooperators, remembering that Jesus Himself chose twelve brothers of ideals to base the campaign of Christianity throughout the world.

It was the Master and Lord, who once spoke to them convincingly:

"Truly, you are not my servants, for I consider you all my dear friends."

BEFORE THE OPPONENTS

You may encounter some opponents in the best endeavors you undertake.

If this happens, you are usually dealing with an uninformed or sick person who treats you with obvious contempt.

When this person is unable to calm you down in the face of certain negative reactions, they sometimes raise their voice and become more provocative.

In any case, tolerate your opponent with patience and calm. Listen to their harsh words in silence and reflect on the discontent or illness they may be experiencing.

How much must this individual have suffered to be forced to bring their heart, symbolically transformed into a vessel of gall?

It is imperative to know that individuals who inflict harm upon others may also be suffering from internal wounds.

Act toward the enemies of your ideals or your points of view with understanding and tolerance.

The Divine Master warned us:

"Pray for those who persecute or slander you."

Christ never exhorted us to retaliate or engage in fruitless arguments.

He recommended that we pray for all adversaries or gratuitous accusers, enabling us to understand that they already carry in their souls enough suffering, without us needing to aggravate their tribulations.

Even if such companions are acting insincerely, let us entrust them to time, once, in order to readjust their most intimate feelings, it will be enough for them to live.

ON THE MOST INTIMATE PATHS

In addition to the charity that monetary resources can achieve, there is a charity within everyone's reach that can flourish and bear fruit in the most intimate aspects of daily life, starting at home.

This charity of daily life is expressed in the verb that remains silent in the face of slander, or the optimistic word that feeds good intentions, converting them into praiseworthy deeds.

It is the kindness shown to one's neighbor, in the spirit of understanding and cordiality, that spontaneously forgives the unfortunate gesture of a companion.

Furthermore, this form of charity is present in the friendly thought that kindness expresses, in favor of those in need of peace, or the prayer that is formulated to help brothers and sisters who have fallen into trial and helplessness.

It is the seemingly insignificant service that can be rendered to those who share our daily experiences, whether it be providing useful information or carrying a small burden.

It is the generosity with which it will be fair to bear the thoughtlessness of this or that interlocutor and the excuse without complaint for the offenses received.

From this benevolence, sometimes unnoticed in the turmoil of the world, valuable factors for the harmony of existence are born.

Let us learn to tolerate one another, without friction, hurt, and regrets.

Let us recognize that the possible absence of someone, as well as

the illness of a particular companion, could be ours.

Let us not forget that today's beneficiary may be tomorrow's benefactor.

By putting our hearts into our actions, marking our journey with the seal of understanding and love, we will effectively follow the example of our Heavenly Friend, who assists and alleviates us every moment, without our even realizing it.

DOUBLE BENEFICENCE

Charity, in its external form, is well known. Charitable organizations play a vital role in alleviating poverty and reducing suffering in communities worldwide.

There is, however, a more intimate form of charity, which communicates from soul to soul, based on silence and understanding.

The most intimate charity helps someone in need without appearing.

It speaks to the depths of their spirit without articulate words; it supports their life without showing itself, and illuminates their heart without clouding their understanding.

Try such work, and you will observe how much joy emerges from their existence.

If you know someone's need, do not wait for that person to get down on their knees begging you for a favor and extending whatever help you can.

If you lack the resources to do so, you will find ways to suggest to others that they do so, without your influence being evident.

If someone needs your attention, take a moment to listen to them, even when time is limited. Your words can express the appreciation they deserve.

When family issues arise, you can often find the right approach to restore harmony without expecting recognition.

If a friend appears to be in error, you can help them recognize

their strengths and move past negative thoughts.

When faced with a loved one who has somehow offended you, recognize that they might be undergoing a difficult time and that it is up to you to forget the mishap, since, instead of that offender, it could be us with the mistakes and rashness that still characterize us.

Let us not forget the external charity that unites us with one another through our reciprocal assistance in everyday experiences, but let us attend to the more intimate charity that supports without showing itself, uplifting feelings and raising souls to today's improvement which will endure in the joys of today and forever.

LET US OBSERVE

The teachings of Jesus align with Nature.

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The less perseverance with the hoe, the more rust hinders its work.

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The more sweat on the plow, the more blessings in the sowing.

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The less rest at the spring, the more clarity in the stream.

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The more rest at the well, the unhealthier stagnation in the waters.

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The less care given to the plants in the orchard, the greater the invasion of weeds.

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The more pruning of beneficial trees, the more valuable their production.

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These patterns are present in our life experiences, just as they are found in nature.

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The less effort, the more intense the excursion into idleness.

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The more diligence, the more credit in action.

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The less faith, the more fog of uncertainty.

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The more service rendered, the higher the reward.

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The less kindness, the more pessimism.

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The more genuine the friendship, the purer the joy.

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The more detachment in helping others, the greater the sympathy.

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The less forgiveness, the more shadow of resentment.

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The more love, the more light on the path.

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The less gentleness, the more restlessness.

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The more humility, the more understanding.

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For this very reason, armed with will and discernment, we are free to establish in life the environment of suffering that segregates us, or to build our path to happiness, facilitating our ascension to the Great Light.

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Certainly, thinking about the importance of Charity in the mechanisms of our reciprocal relationships, Jesus left us with this unforgettable observation:

- "Love one another as I have loved you."

TRAITS OF PATIENCE

In the sphere of the soul, patience is a tool that can help us accomplish valuable tasks, such as:

- Enduring difficulties without giving up on the work at hand;
- Promoting, without fanfare, the necessary help to companions in need;
- Tolerating difficult-tempered coworkers without resorting to untimely warnings;
- Bearing insults without passing them on to others;
- Doing good, refraining from seeking praise and rewards;
- Replacing any brother who is unable to perform his duties in the work team to which he belongs, without demanding any recognition;
- Resolve problems in the common experience at your own expense, avoiding bothering anyone.

When we talk about patience, we mean someone who is willing to work and serve, without any idea that it can be a rocking chair for a break from inertia.

CHARITY AND RELATIONSHIP

Lessons taught in educational institutions confer various titles of competence on individuals.

However, although there is a clear need today on Earth to develop academic values, in terms of communication, it is fair to recognize that the science of relationships, in its precise form, is a prerogative of Jesus.

It was in the professorship of charity that He, the Divine Master, taught all the subjects necessary for harmony among men, such as forgiveness of offenses, prayer for persecutors, support for the needy, help for the sick, encouragement for the sad, and aid for the weak and little ones.

Let us remember this and endeavor to understand others, so that we may be understood.

Let us ask ourselves how many setbacks and disappointments we would avoid if we had humanized certain gestures toward our neighbor, especially the closest members of our family circle, in times of crisis.

The parents we criticize when they lose interest in us; the children who distance themselves from us, denying us their love; the friends who leave us despite our pleas not to abandon us; associates who, in our view, did not hesitate to cause us harm; siblings who withhold their support and who, in our opinion, could assist us...

In all these situations, charity can show us that it is not our place to demand from them, even when it comes to our loved ones, what they cannot give us, and that in many cases, we would not behave differently if we were in their place.

Let us praise the achievements of intelligence that sponsor progress on the cultural front. Still, let us expand, as much as possible, our idea of charity from material support to the spiritual realm itself, and we will recognize that charity, in our reciprocal relationships, is the only light capable of leading us to an ambiance of love and the victory of peace.

WITH GOD WE SHALL PREVAIL

Trials may visit you sometimes. When this happens, do not give in to discouragement. Take courage in your faith and move forward with the tasks that life has entrusted to you.

Remember, others have faced these problems as well. It makes sense to see that you are not alone.

Others also pass through shadows that weigh on their shoulders.

Others cry and suffer.

Do not let discouragement or despair distract you. Even when facing challenges, help those who may be experiencing even greater hardships.

Do not underestimate your own value. Trust in Divine Providence, continue moving forward, and do not be afraid.

We know that the Infinite Goodness of God, which sustained us in the past, will continue to sustain us today.

With this conviction, we can be confident that, with God, we will overcome.

CHARITY AND CONVIVIALITY

Charity is the basis of peace in human relationships.

Happy coexistence requires aid and understanding.

Sometimes, others may need us, but we must not forget that we all need others equally.

Help your neighbor so that your neighbor will help you.

The neighbor is the bridge that can shelter us as we cross sufferings.

Do not shy away from offering service to others.

Forget possible offenses from others by recognizing our own mistakes.

Speak with optimism and peace.

Do not complain about anyone.

Always work and serve.

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